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AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF LIVESTOCK AND
CERTAIN RABBIT PROCESSING FACILITIES.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

See Below

The amendment alters several provisions concerning livestock laws, which result in a potential cost for incarceration or probation and a potential revenue gain to the state from fines.

Specifically, it adds a provision that any livestock owner who is found to be guilty of letting their animal roam at large on any public highway more than twice in six months is guilty of a class D misdemeanor. Relatedly, it establishes a class D misdemeanor for anyone who knowingly or recklessly releases livestock that causes property damage over \$250. A class D misdemeanor is punishable by up to \$250 in fines. To the extent this occurs and is enforced, this results in a potential cost for incarceration or probation and a potential revenue gain from fines. The average marginal cost for supervision in the community is less than \$800 each year.¹

Additionally, the amendment allows, rather than requires, beginning July 1, 2023, annual inspection of kennels by municipal animal control officers (ACO). This is also not expected to have a fiscal impact, as municipalities employ ACO's that can perform this function within their normal duties.

Lastly, the amendment makes other minor, technical, and

conforming changes that have no fiscal impact.

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